

# Public Ledger

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## OUR TRAMP ABOUT THE CITY.



### KENTUCKY WEATHER REPORT.

What We May Expect Between This Time and To-morrow Evening.

U. S. WEATHER BUREAU.  
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Special to THE PUBLIC LEDGER.

#### Fair and slightly warmer.

The above forecasts are made for a period of thirty-six hours, ending at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening.



POOR FELLOW.

The man has "more than a dish to wash," who is trying to look his best. With a year's pair of trousers on. And a last year's coat and vest.

The pants are drawn up to the knees. Which droop like great big bags. The coat's a model hand-me-down. And the vest is all in rags.

### Personal Mention.

If you have friends visiting you, or if you are going away on a visit, please drop us a note to that effect.

J. W. Layton and bride returned home last night.

William D. Cochran and wife have returned from Danville.

Colonel Robert B. Cord of Millwood was in the city yesterday.

Rollie Bridwell of Millersburg is the guest of George W. Oldham.

T. M. Arrowsmith of Bethel, Bath county, is visiting R. M. Freeland of this city.

Miss Mary Oldham returned home yesterday after a pleasant visit to Vanceburg.

Miss Anna Reidie of Aberdeen has gone to Washington City to remain for the summer.

Mrs. Thomas Prather of this county is visiting her sisters, the Misses Waddell of Millersburg.

Mrs. James Shaw of Frankfort and Mrs. L. C. Downs of Lexington are visiting the family of J. H. Rains.

J. J. Broese returned from Cincinnati last night where he attended the Annual Reunion of the Thirteenth O. V. I.

Mrs. Dr. J. T. Strode, accompanied by Miss Belle Watson, is on a visit to her son, L. Gay Strode, at "Sunnyslope," Fayette county.

R. M. Freeland and family have moved from Bethel, Bath county, to the home lately bought from Colonel Richard Dawson, near this city.

Mrs. W. J. Warder and children of Chicago are visiting R. C. Kirk and wife. Mrs. Warder is on her way from Florida where she has spent the winter.

Dr. R. M. Skinner of Flemingsburg and Dr. J. C. Morris of Augusta returned last night from Cincinnati, where they attended a meeting of the Ohio State Medical Society.

Mrs. M. J. Chase, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. H. Collins of "Maple Grove" the past eight weeks, left on the early train for Chicago to visit there, ere returning to her home in Muskegon, Mich.

REV. C. S. Lucas is conducting revival services with Elder Rice at Augusta.

THE Manchester folks are petitioning Council to close the saloons at 6 o'clock p. m.

CAPTAIN DAVID L. WELLS of Murphysville is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

R. T. BAIRD, formerly editor of The Dispatch at Winchester, O., died recently at Blue Springs, Mo.

At Batavia, O., Mrs. Van Holtz and her daughter Miss Ida closed a revival with eighty converts.

### ONE OF THE OLD POSTMASTERS.

A Nonagenarian Who Held an Appointment From General Jackson.

Jacob P. Downing was born near Washington, this county, December 29th, 1799. THE LEDGER has already mentioned his presence in our city a few days ago en route to Dover.

He was appointed Postmaster at Washington by General Jackson and served eleven years, when he resigned and was succeeded by Capt. S. B. Owens, who served about two years when he resigned and Uncle Jake was reappointed and served four years. He then gave up the office and moved to Germantown to live with his brother, Abel Downing.

When Mr. Downing was told that Maysville was going to have the Free Delivery System, he replied, "Well, that would just suit me, and if I was a little older I would apply for the office again—that is, if Cleveland is elected."

He is remarkably spry and clear-headed for one of his age.

Whilst Postmaster, at one time the mail stage left this city at midnight arriving at Washington about 1 a. m., and he never was known to be called to change the mail. He was always at the door when the stage arrived ready to take the mail from the driver.

On one occasion the driver passed by the office about forty yards. The driver called impatiently to him to come and get the mail. He was told to deliver it at the office, and the driver threatened to whip him for having to get off his box and carry it back to him. Uncle Jake retorted "If you do I will kill you; I am always prepared for such fellows as you."

Mr. Downing is very small, his weight being about eighty pounds. There was no man more favorably known than he. His habits were as regular as an old clock.

On last Monday he started to walk to Dover from his youngest brother's, Mr. Thomas Downing, twelve miles. His brother brought him to town and they went together on the C. and O. His appearance is of a man not over sixty-five years of age. May he live to get one of our modern new-fangled Postoffices, with Free Delivery attachment and all.

THERE is some talk of an independent packet in the Cincinnati and Portsmouth trade, but talk is a heap cheaper than steamboats.

On her last up trip the Telegraph had something in the line of freight that was quite a novelty, being eight crates of very fine blooded dogs. W. W. Titus is the owner, and he was one of the passengers. He brought them from the South, and was taking them to Coal Grove. Among the lot were two worth \$2,500.

Mrs. ELIZABETH T. MADDOCK of the Fifth Ward is in her 80th year, yet she is neither too old nor too indifferent to the affairs of this busy world that has grown up during her lifetime to read THE LEDGER. She is a native of Fleming county, but has resided in Maysville beyond the recollection of the oldest inhabitant.

REV. ROBERT CLARK MANSFIELD died near Mexico, Mo. He was born in Virginia 88 years ago, and married in Kentucky Miss Sarah E. Beatty, who survives him at the age of 80 years. Eleven children were born, six of whom are living. He was a Cumberland Presbyterian Minister for more than 60 years in Missouri, Texas and elsewhere.

THE Lexington Opera-house will close for the season after the engagement of the Darnaby Company, which is booked for May 18th to 21st. The Maysville Opera-house ought to close now and remain closed until people appreciate the sacrifice the Washington Fire Company made when they acceded to the general clamor by putting all their money in the building.

"WHAT will become of the saloons if they cure all the drunkards?" was overheard on the street where a party was discussing the Keeley and kindred reformatory processes. Don't be alarmed, gentlemen; it is not the drunkard that supports the saloons. It is the "moderate drinker," the fellows who take from three to a dozen drinks a day, year in and year out. When these chaps quit drinking, then indeed may you ask, "What will become of the saloons?"

HON. JOHN O. BRECKINRIDGE, or as he was christened John Owen Breckinridge, the handsome and brilliant but erratic youngest son of the late John C. Breckinridge, died in Merced, Cal., aged about forty years. He had lived in California for the last twenty years, where he practiced law, served a term in the Legislature and was a Democratic delegate to the Chicago Convention, where he seconded the nomination of Grover Cleveland. He married a daughter of Lloyd Tevis, the Kentucky-California millionaire, but his wife was divorced from him and afterward married a son of Sharon, one of the Bohanza kings.

### MASON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT.

Gleanings From Late Yesterday's and Early To-day's Docket.

In the case of the George F. Blake Manufacturing Company vs. the Maysville Water Company, the jury returned the following verdict: We the jury find for the plaintiff the amount of bill \$674 15, less \$374 15.

The jury in the case of James N. Boyd vs. Oscar Hanna, after wrangling over the matter since Tuesday at noon, reported to Judge Cole yesterday afternoon that they were not able to agree on a verdict and were discharged. The parties involved in this suit live in Dover and are neighbors. "The trouble is over a strip of ground which has been used as a passage to their stables by both."

THERE will be a special election in Ripley Monday to choose a treasurer in place of George A. Stivers deceased.

JOHN SWISHER of North Liberty, Adams county, Ohio, was before Mayor Pearce yesterday on a charge of drunk and disorderly and was fined \$4 45.

THE House at Frankfort has called upon the Revisory Commission to prepare an act "providing for stated salaries for the various state officers and employees of the several departments."

DOUGLAS P. ORT, Uncle Sam's Gauger at this point, informs THE LEDGER that, in his opinion, the weighing system is more accurate than the old plan, and that all will like it when they get used to it.

THE Attorney General has decided that the banks of the state must pay their taxes for 1892 on July 1st, as heretofore, but that hereafter they shall be assessed as "individual property" and the tax collected accordingly.

THE contest in Lane Seminary, Cincinnati, between friends of Dr. Briggs and those who maintain the orthodox Presbyterian views of the Scriptures, has resulted in the former securing control of the Seminary through the board of directors.

GOVERNOR BROWN has commissioned Judge W. L. Jackson of Louisville to hold a special term of the Clay Circuit Court, June 23d, for the purpose of trying John Andrew Wilson, indicted for murder, the regular Judge having been sworn off the bench.

IN Boyd county the inefficiency of a former County Clerk is giving the property holders a great deal of trouble. A large number of deeds, mortgages and other records will have to be re-acknowledged and recorded.

Mrs. BLACK, a well known lady, was struck by a milk cow at her home near Camp Nelson and instantly killed. It was some time before she was found. The only mark on her body was a bruise on the jugular vein, where she received the blow that caused her death.

THE Senate has confirmed the nomination of Charles J. Norwood as Inspector of Mines, to succeed himself. Colonel Norwood's time having just expired, he was immediately commissioned by the Governor. He is the only head of a department who has been reappointed under the new Administration.

CONSTABLE JAMES HUTCHINSON and Jailor John Johnson went out to Lost Creek Saturday to arrest William Hitch, wanted for petit larceny. They met with a warm reception from a Winchester rifle, one ball cutting through the Jailor's trousers. The officers retreated to Grayson for reinforcements and when they returned Hitch had fled.

JUDGE BARR in the United States Court at Covington is at present engaged hearing the case of Wilbur C. Benton, a Pension Agent living in Newport. He is charged with accepting a fee of \$300 for the collection of a pension from Mrs. Lavidia Libbee. Mr. Benton denies the charges in toto and asserts that it is a blackmailing scheme to injure him, and that his innocence will be easily established.

#### Double Drowning.

Ripley Bee.—Tuesday afternoon Thomas and Robert Standsberry and William Kinser started from Dover to Levana in a "johnboat," and when about two-thirds of the way across the river the younger Standsberry noticed the boat dipping under from the waves of a passing steamer, and becoming frightened he leaped into the river. His brother seeing his danger jumped after him and in doing so upset the boat and threw Kinser out. The latter clung to the boat and was picked up by parties in a skiff from Levana, but the other two were drowned.

The victims resided on a farm just below Levana, and the older one leaves a wife and three little children.

The ages of the Standsberry boys were 18 and 30 years.

### RARE HISTORICAL PAINTINGS.

Noteworthy Donations to be Presented to Kentucky by Philadelphians.

Col. J. E. Peyton, of Haddonfield, N. J., is in Frankfort to confer with Governor Brown upon a matter which has for its object the tendering of a high honor to the state and people of Kentucky.

Citizens of Philadelphia propose to donate to Kentucky three handsome oil paintings executed by Mr. Franklin D. Briscoe, a native of Virginia, and an artist of established reputation. One of these canvases will be a six by seven feet painting of Independence Hall exactly as it was July 4th, 1776, when the Declaration of Independence was signed and promulgated. The other two will be on canvas of four by five feet. Of these, one represents Carpenters' Hall as it stood when the first Colonial Congress met there September 5th, 1774. The third painting portrays, as it then stood, the building where the Congress assembled June 1st, 1793, when Kentucky was admitted into the sisterhood of states. These paintings will be accompanied by the following:

"The undersigned citizens of Philadelphia hereby present to their fellow-citizens of the state of Kentucky, upon the Centennial Anniversary of the admission of that state into the Union, the accompanying pictures in oil of the Hall of the Carpenters' Company and of the Statehouse in Philadelphia; the former imperishably associated with the First Continental Congress, the latter with the Declaration of Independence and the framing of the Constitution of the United States. These immortal monuments of the plainness, the strength, the endurance, the patriotism, the heroism, and the sacrifices of our sires are constant reminders to the Americans of to-day of the pious ardor with which our fathers knelt and dedicated themselves and their children to the cause of freedom and the service of mankind."

"In the hope of the perpetuity of our institutions, and of the unbroken continuance of the cordial relations which bind us together in the golden cords of Union, we make this gift, that Kentucky, our younger sister, may bear as a jewel upon her breast a souvenir and emblem of the birthplace of our Nationality, and a perpetual testimonial of our cordial regard."

There will be many names signed to the donation for, though the paintings cost a large sum, no single individual was allowed to contribute more than ten dollars. Many of the donors would willingly have contributed ten times the amount, but the intention was to reveal a universality of sentiment. Among the donors will be found a large number of descendants from families which lived in Philadelphia at the time Kentucky was admitted. The presentation, to be arranged for June 1st, 1892, will be made to Governor Brown, for the state of Kentucky, through Mr. Hampton L. Carson of the Philadelphia bar. It is the intention to have the paintings first hung in the Capitol of the state, subject to such final adjustment as the people may desire.

Modesty on the part of Col. J. E. Peyton prevents him from claiming any honor incident to this donation; yet it was a suggestion given by him at a banquet in Philadelphia which became the inception of the project. Col. Peyton said:

"No such compliment has ever been made to any other state. These are the first oil paintings ever made of these buildings, and ought to go to the World's Fair. They are not completed yet, as the finishing touches are to be put on next week. They have been in the hands of the Philadelphia Art Committee, of which Mr. Edward Shippen is chairman. Next week, after completion, they will be exhibited in Independence Hall. I believe that paintings of these buildings will eventually be hung in every state Capitol. Gen. Grout of Vermont, the first state admitted into the Union, has introduced a resolution to have similar paintings hung in the Capitol at Washington."

"The painting of Carpenters' Hall will be donated to Kentucky by the Carpenters' Company, and the remaining two will be donated by private citizens of Philadelphia. Since donations were limited to \$10, the names of those signed to the subscription list will, I am confident, represent owners of one thousand millions of dollars as capital."

Col. Peyton is a native of this state, having been born in Nicholas county. He left Kentucky in 1841, and since then has had his business interests centered in Philadelphia. "It took me seven days and nights," said he, "of almost painful travel to reach Philadelphia. I returned in twenty-two hours and forty-five minutes, the journey being attended with comfort, even luxury."

#### Real Estate Transfers.

Frank S. Bromley to Anna L. Cullen, lot and one-story frame residence thereon, on Williams street, Sixth Ward; consideration, \$825.

#### Newest and Best.

If you want the handsomest of printing, bring your orders to The Ledger Job Rooms, where you will find the latest styles of type, and workmen who know how to use them. Remember, our machinery is run by steam, and our prices are as low as charged for ordinary work elsewhere. The best is the cheapest, and ours is the best.

THE rate of taxation at Newport has been fixed at \$2 on the \$100 valuation.

JEROME HASSON was arrested at Iron-ton Sunday for disorderly conduct and fined \$5 30.

JUST twelve years ago from yesterday, May 11th, 1880, considerable snow fell in this region.

THE Prohibition party will hold its State Convention at Louisville, June 1st and 2nd.

FRANK HASSON was taken to Brooksville this morning by Constable Dawson. He is accused of stealing a watch.

M. R. GILMORE has just erected a very handsome monument over the grave of the late M. B. McKrell at Mayslick.

Two years ago the saloon license in Covington was \$50, then it was raised to \$10, and now it has been raised to \$500.

THE electric light plant engine has arrived at Carlisle, and barring accidents the bright fluid will be turned on Saturday night.

THOMAS R. JAMES has been granted a pension at the rate of \$12 per month from October 30th, 1891. M. C. Hutchins was his attorney.

YESTERDAY a Deputy United States Marshal was here summoning witnesses in the suit of Marvin, Administrator, vs. the Maysville Street Railway Company.

THE candidates for Sheriff in Madison county have signed a written agreement not to use money in their canvass under a forfeit of \$1,000. There are eight candidates.

CHARLES MITCHELL, who was arrested for stealing coal off of C. and O. cars, had a hearing before "Square Grant" yesterday afternoon and was held over in the sum of \$50.

PINKERTON detectives have identified the Mt. Sterling thieves as Billy Burke, alias "Billy the Kid," an Eastern thief, and Sophia Lyons, a sneak who has done work in Cincinnati.

WILLIAM HOWARD NEFF, a Cincinnati capitalist, has gone to the wall for \$130,000. His assets are put down at \$200,000, much of it in real estate upon which he cannot now realize.

NEVER skip the advertisements when reading a newspaper. They show what live business men are about and every one who has trading to do will find it pays to trade with those who advertise.

ADDISON S. HELTON of Kentucky has been promoted from a \$1,600 clerkship in the Pension Office to be a Medical Examiner at a salary of \$1,800 per annum. This is Mr. Helton's second promotion.

GEORGE GERKE, President of the Union Distilling Company, Cincinnati, has purchased the output of 1889, 1890, 1891 and 1892 and the future crop for three years of the A. Kellar distillery in Cynthiana. The deal includes about 10,000 barrels.

J. H. RAINS & Co. have purchased the following crops of tobacco during the past week: Mrs. Kate Smith, 5,000 lbs. at \$8; While & Grant, 5,000 lbs. at \$7 75; David White, 5,000 lbs. at \$8 25; N. H. Richardson & Bro., 10,000 lbs. at \$8; John Wallace, 2,000 lbs. at \$5.

WHILE on her way to church at Carlisle Mrs. James S. Huff was suddenly paralyzed on the right side, and would have fallen but for the assistance of Mr. Huff, who was near her. The Mercury says she is some better at present, and can talk some.

VANCEBURG promises to be quite lively on the 30th, Memorial Day. The Masons, Oddfellows, Knights of Pythias, and all the Sunday-schools will be out in parade. There will be plenty to eat and good speakers—among whom will be Colonel Worthington of Greenup. Good music by the Maysville Band and the home band.

CONGRESSMAN PAYNTER secured an amendment to the River and Harbor Bill providing for a survey of the Big Sandy river from its mouth to the C. and O. bridge with the view of confining the water to its regular channel, and prevent the widening of the stream by the breaking away of its banks.

A HIGH official at Washington is authority for the statement that fully one-half of the Fourth-class Postmasters in Kentucky are Democrats, and that many of these are appointments under the present Administration. In Madison county alone, he said, fifteen Democrats had been appointed to Fourth-class Post-offices under Harrison. He attributes the appointment of Democrats to the fact that only Democrats can control the business-houses where the offices have to be located.

HERE is a much whiskered chestnut from our respected contemporary, The Greenup Gazette: "Near Olive Hill there is a peculiar piece of humanity. It is an old man, aged nearly 70, that has not for the last ten or twelve years worn a pair of shoes. He goes barefooted winter and summer, and thinks it no hardship to wade through the deepest snow of the winter without shoes or socks on his feet, and can stand as much exposure as those that are well shod. Another peculiar feature of this old man is that when he is clearing up land he takes off all his clothing and goes at it as nude as a savage. He has exposed himself to the sun and wind so much that his body is covered with a heavy suit of hair."